Solitude Monitoring

Mazatzal Wilderness
Sheep Bridge Area

Monitoring Area

The Verde River Trail #11, Dutchman Grave Trail #22, and Willow Springs Trail #223 between Sheep Bridge and the Wilderness Boundary for each.

Driving Directions

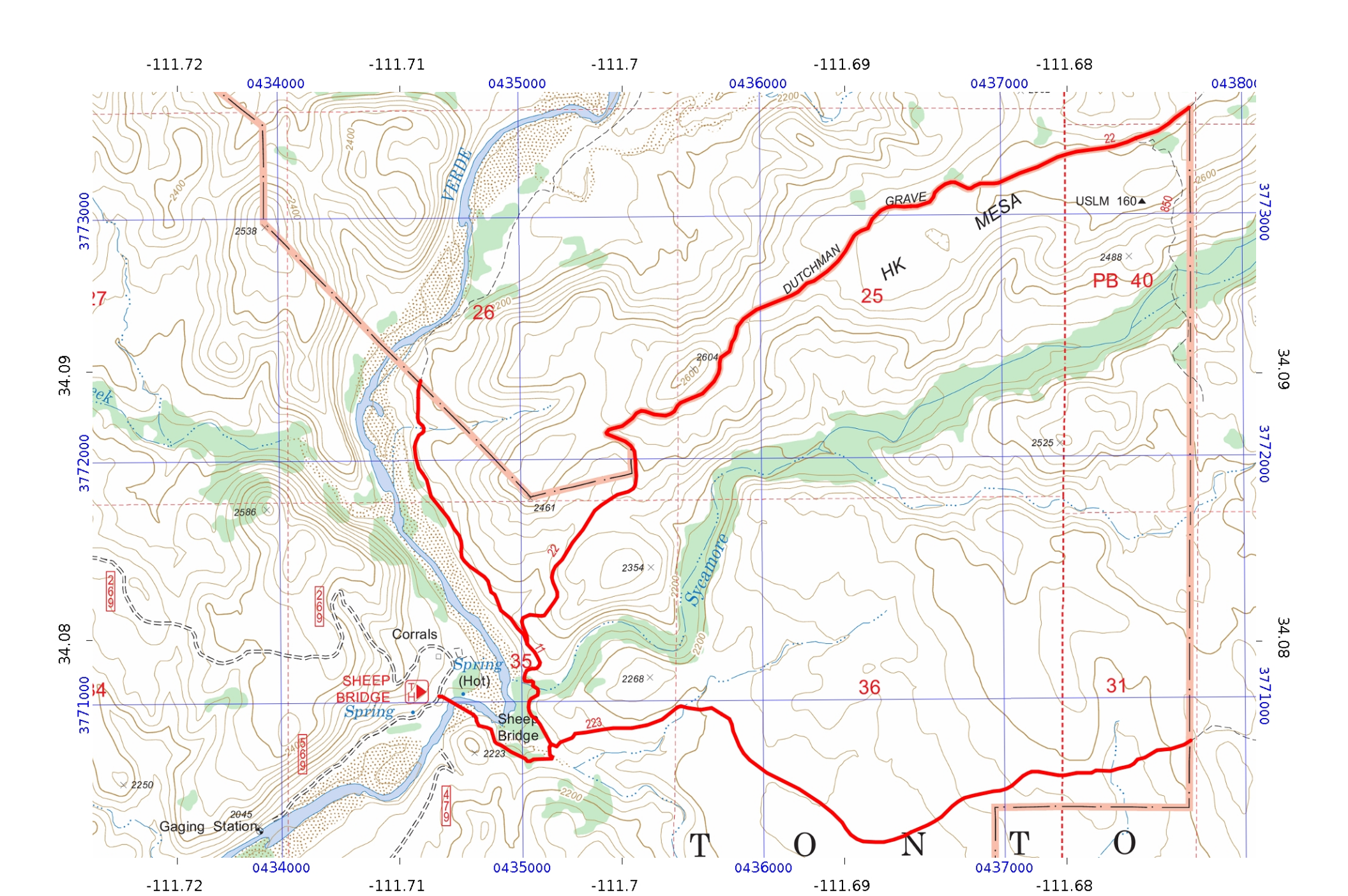
From Scottsdale take exit 36 on the 101 Loop for Pima Road and head north on Pima Road for 12 miles. Turn right on Cave Creek Road and continue for 4.2 miles to the junction of the Bartlett Dam Road. Continue straight onto Forest Road 24/Cave Creek Road/Seven Springs Road for another 27.4 miles. After the first 5 miles, the road turns to graded gravel.

At a T intersection, turn right onto Forest Road 269 for another 12 miles to the end of the road at the Verde River/Sheep Bridge. The last section of road can be very rocky and high clearance is recommended. If it has rained recently, the road can be very muddy as well.

To access the trails within the monitoring area, cross the Sheep Bridge on foot to the east side of the Verde and follow signage.

There is a developed hot spring hidden along the river just north of Sheep Bridge. To access it, stand in front of the bridge on the west bank and look for a small social trail descending into the vegetation north of the bridge.

Trailhead coordinates: 34.0780, -111.7082



Sheep Bridge
WGS84
UTM Zone 12S

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Scale **1:20000** 1 inch = 1667 feet

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